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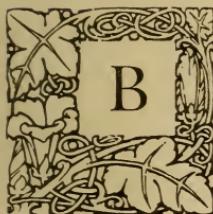
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Portland, Me. Maine institution for the blind.

The Proposed Maine Institute for the Blind



LIND ! Have you ever thought what it means ? Suppose tomorrow morning when you awaken you could not see the faces of those you love or the things which have made the world real to you. What would you do ? Little ones may be dependent upon you. Though still active, able-bodied and ambitious, would you wish to sit in darkness faced with the horrors of enforced idleness ? Maine provides for the education of its blind children but does nothing for its men and women who have been stricken in their maturer years with blindness. Other states have built industrial workshops for their adult blind. Why not Maine ?

Probably you saw a blind woman weaving beautiful fabrics at the Waterville Fair, possibly you ordered a rug woven by a blind man, doubtless you bought a "Wondermop," not only made but invented by a blind man. If not, you surely wished that some of the blind of the Pine Tree State might do similar and many other useful things.

The Maine Association for the Blind has through its efforts had organized, with the avowed purpose of providing training and employment for those without sight, the Maine Institution for the Blind, incorporated under the laws of our State. At the coming session of the Legislature a bill will be introduced to establish an industrial school where the blind may be taught a trade, and a workshop where those so taught can earn a living.

The blind of Maine cry to you for help. Do not throw this paper away. Keep it to remind you that hundreds of blind men and women hope that you will write or personally speak to your senator and representative urging them to give the matter their most careful consideration.

If you favor this worthy cause and would like to help out, kindly send all money to the treasurer, Mr. Harry Butler, President Portland Trust Co., 89 Exchange St., Portland, Me. There is an organization of ladies in Portland that has kindly consented to devote its efforts to forwarding this movement. We would kindly invite all associations to assist in our work.

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As
Miss Helen Keller
Says:

"There is no law on the statute-books compelling people to move up closer on the bench of life to make room for a blind brother; but there is a divine law written on the hearts of men, constraining them to make a place for him, not only because he is unfortunate, but also because it is his right as a human being to share God's greatest gift, the privilege of man to go forth unto his work."



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THE MAINE ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND

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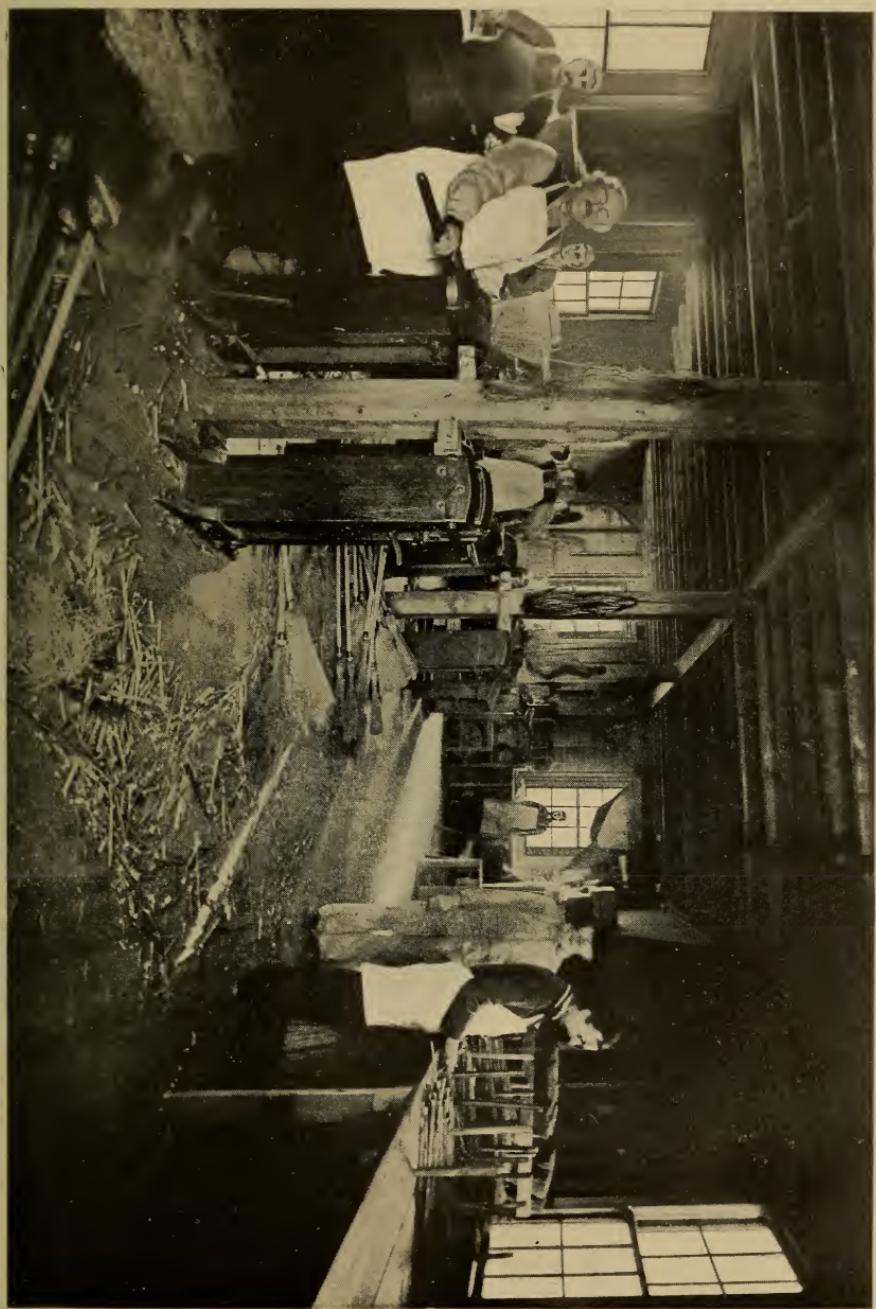
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